(a) to (d) A draft scheme for giving effect to the provisions of article 371(2) of the Constitution was received from the Government of Maharashtra in February, 1989. It comprised of a draft order to be made by the President under the said provisions and a draft order to be issued by the Governor in pursuance thereof, providing *inter-alia* for the establishment of Development Boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra. After examination, the Government of Maharashtra have been requested to consider recasting the Governor's order keeping in view the requirements of the State and the legal opinion.

Closing of Central Rengers' Training College, Chandrapur

2925. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is is a fact that the Central Rangers' Training College of Chandrapur (Maharashtra) is going to be closed from February, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the staff working in the College would be given alternative jobs; and

(d) if so, what are details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) Central Forest Rangers College, Chandrapur is going to be closed from 31st March, 1990 as a result of decision of Government of India to hand over the responsibility of the training of forest rangers to the State Governments.

(c) and (d) The staff working in the college at present will be suitably absorbed in Control|State Governments.

Deputation from Army to Assam Rifles

2926. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of identical representations have been received from Jawans and officers of Assam Rifles protesting against the system of deputation from Army to Assam Rifles and demanding to end this system; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Representations, purporting to be from Jawans and officers of Assam Rifles have been received.

(b) The system of deputation of army officers in the Assam Rifles was introduced by the Government at the time of creation of Assam Rifles with a view to meeting the special situation prevailing in the North—East, where the Assam Rifles functions under the operational control of the Army. The Government considers it necessary to continue the system of deputation of army officers in Assam Rifles for operational reasons, whereby the Assam Rifles is officered by a mix of cardre officers and by army officers on deputation.

Letter sent by the Animal Husbandry Employees' Union, Port Blair

2927. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a letter dated the 15th July, 1989 has been received by him from the Animal Husbandry Employees' Union, Port Blair (Andaman and Nicobar Islands); and

(b) if so, what are the demands put forward therein and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The letter contains a demand to intervene in the matter against the alleged victimisation of employees of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration after the Union had organised a peaceful hunger strike in support of their demands. A copy of the letter has been forwarded to the Lt. Governor Andaman and Nicobar Islands for appropriate action.

Meeting of delegation of M.Ps. from West Bengal with Lt. Governor, Delhi

2928. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of Members of Parliament from West Bengal met the Lieutenant Governor, Delhi on the 16th July, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details of the request made by the said delegation; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Lieutenant Governor in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The delegation of Members of Parliament requested cancellation of orders withdrawing exemption from payment of Entertainment Tax which was granted in favour of the Paschim Banga Banayatran Committee in respect of the programme organised by it in April 1979 for raising funds for the flood victims of West Bengal. The delegation also requested for the cancellation of recovery certificate of Rs. 1. lakh issued against the Committee.

(c) The matter has not been decided finally by the Delhi Administration so far.

Income-tax raids on foreign companies in the country

2929. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of income-tax raids conducted by the Income Tax Department on the foreign companies during 1988; and

(b) what are the names of the companies and the amount of tax evasion detected in Delhi and other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) There was only one case of search in a foreign company in 1988. The name of the company is M/s. GEC Turbine General India (P) Ltd. It was found that the said Company was not properly deducting tax at source on the salaries paid to its employees as it was not disclosing full facts of their employment. The Assessing Officer has taken up the case for further investigation and also for determining the extent of tax evasion

Inclusion of Gorkha Bhasha in the Eight Schedule of the Constitution

2930. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recent received any representation for the i clusion of Gorkha Bhasha in the Eigh Schedule of the Constitution of India; a

(b) if so, what are the details there and the reaction of Government theret

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBL GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AN THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SH P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Govt. is of the view that the closion of more languages in the Eigl